

REVIEW OF THE METAL MARKET

In its summary of the iron, steel, metal and machinery market, Canadian Machinery and Manufacturing News, Toronto, makes the following comment in its Oct. 19 issue:

Although there have been no declines in steel prices, some readjustment is appearing in coke and pig iron. Canadian furnaces announce a reduction of \$5.00 bringing the price per ton to \$86.80, while Pittsburgh reports a softening process that does not appear to be sufficient to produce a market.

It would almost appear that buyers had anticipated more of a shortage in deliveries than has developed, but there is no indication that the easier undertone to the market is caused by decrease in general industrial activity. Seasonal influence will undoubtedly have its effect, and while it may develop that there has been a fair amount of work done, it is more probable that progress has been made in spite of strikes and other problems. The easier price tendency may be attributed almost entirely to cessation of labor troubles.

Steel ingot production is back to the rate of last June, or on a basis of about thirty-seven million tons a year. The August production had dropped to a basis of twenty-five millions, while September had a corresponding increase, showing of thirty-three million ton average at the close. At the present rate of going, according to advices from American centres, a shortage in production need not justify consumers stocking in anticipation.

While the general tone of the steel market is easier, no reductions have been made. Merchant bars have been quoted at \$2.00 mill, Pittsburgh, but it is said some are offered at \$1.95. The Hamilton price rules at \$2.70, with the Montreal and Toronto warehouse range from \$3.15 to \$3.25. There has been a good demand recently for boiler tubes. This is a seasonal feature, and prices show a slight advance, about 5 per cent. Congestion at American centres of production is undoubtedly a factor in maintenance of prices. Shipments are much below production, but it is reported that steel mills are not accumulating anything like the volume they had at the high point of 1920, when three million tons of finished steel were piled up. At the present time there is not one-tenth as much, and mills are reluctant to go further, as buyers may not want the material if late in delivery. The unfilled obligations of the Steel Corporation, at the end of September, amounted to 6,091,000 tons.

Montreal reports that no price changes are anticipated, and that they will remain steady until close of navigation. The limit of the upward movement has been reached, and reversions, if any, should be in a downward direction. The situation as regards galvanized and black sheets has become a little easier owing to slight falling in demand and larger supplies from British mills. There is good demand for boiler tubes and the market is adequately supplied. Some machine tools and mill equipment are moving, but the demand is somewhat spasmodic. There is some indication that prices may move higher, as it is a question whether machinery reproduction could be carried on at present figures. Should the movement acquire strength, it will, it is said, tend to eliminate the "business-at-any-price" element that makes its appearance under conditions that have existed for the past year.

POINT SYSTEM WILL DETERMINE BEST COWBOY The point system has been decided upon as the best means to determine the world's champion cowboy when the "world's series of western sports" is held in Madison Square Garden, New York, early next month. The competition will last ten days, starting Saturday afternoon, November 4.

"Tex" Austin, who is promoting this novel competition in the metropolis for the first time, will hang up \$26,000 in cash prizes for the various events which are to consist of broncho riding,

teer wrestling, steer riding, calf roping, fancy roping, and trick and fancy riding.

Already entries have been received from the winners at the roundups held at Pendleton, Ore.; Cheyenne, Wyo.; El Paso, Tex.; Miles City, Mont., and Las Vegas, New Mexico.

MAJORITY OF BULGARIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES IN JAIL Sofia, Bulgaria, Oct. 20.—Nine of the sixteen members of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, who were former cabinet members under the regime of King Ferdinand, are political prisoners

here, and the suggestion has been made by the minority members, with outward seriousness at least, that the majority hold future session of the academy in the office of the governor of the prison.

Still another member of the academy, its president, ex-Premier Ivan Guecheff, is under the ban of the authorities, who have ordered his apprehension, but he has thus far evaded arrest.

TABERNACLE SERVICES. Last night saw the close of a week of special services at the Tabernacle Baptist church, when an informal

evening was spent by the congregation.

The chairman then called for brief talks on the various departments of the church and A. H. Patterson spoke for the trustees, Mr. Murray for the Sunday school, Fred Crawford for the Men's Brotherhood, and Mrs. Bertha Patterson for the Sunshine class. The work of the World-Wide Guild as well as the Mission Band is under the direction of Mrs. A. L. Telford, George Fry leads the boys' work, Mrs. R. D. Colgan is the head of the W. M. A. S. and Mrs. George Fry is president of the Ladies' Sewing Circle, the teacher training class is in charge of the pas-

tor, the B. Y. P. U. was reorganized under the group plan and given promise of a strong force with an attendance of more than sixty.

BUBONIC PLAGUE AGAIN SHOWS UP IN HAWAII Honolulu, Oct. 20.—Two deaths from bubonic plague have been reported on the island of Hawaii since August 1. A little girl and her brother were the victims. The mother and father have been quarantined.

Health authorities have ordered all stray dogs and cats in the infected districts to be chained and shot.

LOCAL NEWS

Best place in town to eat is the Uptown Tea Shop. 2083-10-23

Vocal instructions, Blenda S. Thomson, season opening, Oct. 23, 1922. 1740-10-23

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS. To the Editor of The Times: Sir—It can do harm at this time, when new traffic regulations must be formed, to draw attention to any and all problems which seem to call for action. Unquestionably, all horse-drawn vehicles, and bicycles on country roads after dark should carry a light. There can be no possible objection to this in view of the fact that what is fair for one class of traffic is fair for the others, and that it is principally for the increased safety of these drivers that the law will be made. They have such a law in England, why not in New Brunswick?

This brings us to the next step in the campaign for safe and sane traffic regulations, and that is, the abolition of the obsolete rule that automobiles shall be equipped with "Dimmers" and motor car lights, there is a flat divergence in ideas of those presumably competent to discuss the matter. How to get enough light thrown on the road without subjecting drivers to the fatal glare is the nub of the matter.

Western traffic men, coming in contact with the country road problem more often and constantly than easterners, condemn the law that requires "dimmers." They find that lights weak enough to leave the approaching driver some degree of safety do no good because neither the oncoming chauffeur nor the one using "dimmers" can see anything in an event. In the East and all large cities the dim light is urged because, it is erroneously pointed out, no one needs to point a brilliant light on the streets since the streets are well paved and the curbs unmistakable.

Anyone who has driven into the ditch or "kicked" a passing car with a fender while driving along a country road with dim lights wishes he had not been so "courteous." The city man who has suddenly plunged two or three feet into a hole in the street and broken a spring because he could not see clearly may sue the municipality—and waste his money.

Non-glaring lenses are near the ideal. But the driving public has not been educated to the point of realizing that a brilliant light is not necessarily a glaring one. Any amount of propaganda or campaign directed at "educating" the public to use non-glaring devices will do little good but the manufacturers of motor cars equip their lamps today with non-glaring lenses approved by the various States and Provinces on this continent. A list of these approved lenses can be obtained from the Secretary of State of Michigan or on application to the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce in Detroit.

The police can be furnished with these lists and those who are driving today with glaring lights should be required to fit their cars with one or other of the approved Lenses. The cost would be less than \$5.00 per car. To dim an automobile light on a country road on a dark, rainy or foggy night, is just asking for trouble. The lights would not be on the car in the first place if they were not needed for the operation of the car and the safety of other users of the highway.

Yours truly, St. John Automobile Trade Association, J. ROYDEN THOMSON Secretary.

St. John, Oct. 19.

"GOATS' BEARDS" ON THE WAY Forty-Seven Bales of Them Pass Canal Bound North—New Generation Mystery.

Washington, Oct. 20.—Instead of the "bees' eyebrows" or the "lizards' knees," it threatens to be the "goats' beards" pretty soon. "Cats' whiskers" is already old fashioned. Whatever all this modern argot may mean to the rising generation, the "goats' beards" is initiated as an advance fashion by no less official a publication than the Panama Canal Record, which ordinarily speaks of marlin spikes, garboard stakes, and ship chandeliers. Witness the following official bulletin:

"An item in the cargo of the steamship Felix Taussig, passing through the canal on August 18 from Pacific to Atlantic ports of the United States, was forty-seven bales of goats' beards, weighing 23,127 pounds. Another was twenty-one bales of human hair tufts weighing 10,467 pounds."

Since fashion announces the return of the pompadour, it necessarily means the return of the "rat" and that accounts for the human hair tufts, but the goats' beards remain a mystery.

TORONTO PLANS FOR AN ITALIAN ORANGE LODGE Toronto, Oct. 20.—The name of Garibaldi, the Liberator of modern Italy, will be linked with the name of King William III, on the next twelfth of July parade in Toronto.

Steps have been taken for the formation of a new Orange Lodge in the city, which will be composed entirely of Italians, most of them members of the Evangelical Temple in Elm street.

Rev. D. R. Gaultier, the pastor, has been active in organizing sufficient member for the formation of a lodge. Application to the Grand Orange Lodge of Ontario will be made in the near future.

Advertisement for Victor Records featuring "His Master's Voice" and a price reduction from 85c to 75c for 10-inch double-sided records. Includes the iconic dog listening to a gramophone logo.

Advertisement for J. & A. McMILLAN, Wholesale Distributors of Victor Records and Gramophones, located at 523 Main Street.

Advertisement for R. W. HAWKER, DRUGGIST, located at 523 Main Street, specializing in "His Master's Voice" records and Victrolas.

Advertisement for JOHN FRODSHAM, Royal Hotel.

Advertisement for PHILLIPS' 49 Germain Street.

Advertisement for THE PHONOGRAPH SALON LIMITED, 19 KING SQUARE (Opposite Imperial), OPEN EVENING.

Advertisement for The C. H. Townshend Piano Co. Ltd., 54 King Street, St. John, N. B. and 801 Main Street, Moncton, N. B.

Advertisement for The McDonald Piano And Music Co., FOR SALE BY, 7 Market Square, St. John, N. B.

Advertisement for A Period Suite in Walnut Finish, priced at \$190. Features a dining table, chairs, and a buffet. Includes contact information for J. MARCUS at 30-36 Dock St.

JACOB A. CANTOR LEFT ESTATE OF ONLY \$4,843 Had Been President of Borough, Representative, and State Senator. New York, Oct. 20.—An estate of only \$4,843 was left by Jacob A. Cantor, who died on July 2, 1921, after forty years of close association with Democratic politics, it was disclosed when the appraisal of his estate was filed. Mr. Cantor was at various times state senator, president of the Borough

Advertisement for Office Furniture by Amland Bros. Ltd., 19 Waterloo Street. Promotes modern office styles and furniture.

Advertisement for Tasty and Delicious LIQUID FRUITS by PARADISE, LTD., "The Place Like Home", CHARLOTTE STREET.

Advertisement for FIRE Without Insurance Spells LOSS, Guard Against that by taking out your policy with J. T. O'BRIEN & Co., Ltd., 109 Prince Wm. St.

Advertisement for Have Your Eyes Examined by K. W. EPSTEIN & CO., Optometrists—Opticians, 4 King Square, Dufferin Hotel Block.

Humphrey's Freshly Roasted Coffee, Sold retail at HUMPHREY'S Coffee Store, 14 King Street.